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SUBJECT: DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER MAINTAINS NO CHANGE IN
DANISH MIDDLE EAST POLICY

REF: COPENHAGEN 0011

SUMMARY: ON SEVERAL RECENT OCCASIONS FONMIN K.B.

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ANDERSEN HAS BEEN FORCED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE DID NOT CALL

PLO "MODERATE", ONLY "MORE MODERATE" (THAN OTHER PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS), AND THAT DANISH "EVEN-HANDED" MIDDLE EAST POLICY REMAINS UNCHANGED. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING K.B. ANDERSEN'S STATEMENT TO THE DANISH PRESS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE CAUTIONING ISRAEL AGAINST A POLICY OF CONFRONTATION (REFTTEL), HE HAS BEEN UNDER HEAVY ATTACK FROM DANISH PRO-ISRAEL CIRCLES. IN PARTICULAR, HIS CALLING PLO ONE OF THE "MORE MODERATE" PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS HAS CAUSED CRITICISM, AND HE HAS HAD TO EXPLAIN REPEATEDLY THAT HE DID NOT CALL PLO "MODERATE", ONLY "MORE MODERATE" (THAN OTHER SUCH ORGANIZATIONS) AND THAT THERE WAS ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD BETWEEN THE TWO STATEMENTS.

2. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE MAJOR COPENHAGEN DAILY, POLITIKEN, TODAY (JAN 14), ANDERSEN REPEATS THAT ALTHOUGH DANISH MIDDLE EAST POLICY BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 REMAINS UNCHANGED, THE "REALITY" OF THE ARAB WORLD HAS LED TO AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE NUANCES INHERENT IN THE SITUATION.

3. ANDERSEN REPEATED SUPPORT FOR THE NOV. 1973 EC SUMMIT RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST WITHIN SECURE BORDERS AND THE NEED TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE "LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS", BUT HE FLATLY REFUSED TO SPECULATE ON WHERE THE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS WERE TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED. "WE ARE FACING VERY COMPLICATED TALKS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND IN GENEVA", HE SAID, "AND IT CANNOT BE (MY JOB) TO STIR UP THE WATERS".

4. THE FONMIN CONCEDED THAT NORDIC UNITY IN UN AFFAIRS SPLIT OVER THE QUESTION OF ADMITTING THE PLO TO THE CURRENT SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH SWEDEN HAD SUPPORTED. "FOR THE SAKE OF GOOD RELATIONS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS", HE ADDED, "SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT THE SWEDISH VOTE WAS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF DANISH MIDDLE EAST POLICY".
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